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SUBJECT: SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS QATAR

1. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL HALIM KHADDAM PAID BRIEF VISIT TO DOHA DURING AFTERNOON OF MARCH 27. HE MET WITH AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER. ACCORDING PRESS, HE BROUGHT AMIR MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD ON CURRENT ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" ON MARCH 28 PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH KHADDAM DURING WHICH HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

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A. LEBANON: SYRIA IS SUPPORTING SARKIS' EFFORTS TO BRING BACK SECURITY AND STABILITY. SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON PLAYS INTO HANDS OF ISRAELIS AND IS PART OF GENERAL PROBLEM OF RESTORING SECURITY TO COUNTRY.

B. NEW INTERPRETATION OF CAIRO AGREEMENT: SYRIA, LIKE REST OF ARABS, SUPPORTS DECISIONS OF RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMITS

TO CARRY OUT CAIRO AGREEMENT AS IT STANDS.

C. SOVIET AND U.S. PRONOUNCEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ARABS FORMULATE UNITED POSITION AND MAKE THEIR REQUIREMENTS CLEAR. OUTSIDERS' VIEWS SECONDARY TO THIS.

D. SYRIAN PRESS CRITICISM OF GULF OIL PRODUCERS: THERE WAS NO SUCH CRITICISM OF GULF STATES AND WHAT SYRIAN PRESS SAID ABOUT QUESTION OF OIL WAS MISINTERPRETED. BROTHERS IN GULF COUNTRIES SUPPORTING OUR STRUGGLE, WHICH IS ARAB STRUGGLE.

E. FAILURE OF "SUPPORTING" COUNTRIES TO MEET OBLIGATIONS TO SYRIA: THERE ARE "NEGOTIATIONS" GOING ON REGARDING '76 OBLIGATIONS, WHICH SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE MET. STRUGGLE OF CONFRONTATION COUNTRIES IS STRUGGLE OF ALL ARABS.

F. REPORTS OF JORDANIAN TROOPS IN SYRIA: IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THERE ARE JORDANIAN TROOPS IN SYRIA, ALTHOUGH THERE IS UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. JORDANIAN-SYRIAN UNITY DISCUSSIONS STILL GOING ON IN "POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE."

G. ASSASSINATION OF JUMBLATT: REGRETS EXPRESSED BY ASAD TO JUMBLATT'S FAMILY. SYRIANS AGAINST "DIRTY WORK" OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS.

H. JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS: SYRIA WORKING TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN JORDAN AND PALESTINIANS.

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I. SYRIAN CONTACTS WITH JUMBLATT FACTION: THERE HAVE BEEN CONTACTS AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON JUMBLATT VISIT TO SYRIA. THERE WERE DIFFERENCES, BUT SYRIA CONDEMNED "CONSPIRACY". SYRIA ON GOOD TERMS WITH LEBANESE PROGRESSIVES. SUPPORTS LEBANESE UNITY AND IS HELPING TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND SECURITY.

J. PALESTINIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS: SYRIA "QUITE HAPPY" WITH RESULTS IN LINE WITH ITS SUPPORT FOR UNITY OF PALESTINIANS AND ARABS' NEED TO PRESENT UNITED FRONT TO FACE ZIONIST ENEMY.  
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